

INTERSTATE INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

Date Issued: September 8, 2014

Proposed Uniform Standard: Amendments to all Individual Life Insurance and Individual Annuity Contract Policy Standards adopted between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

1. **Purpose of Proposed New Rules:** The purpose of these amendments is to revise the individual life insurance and individual annuity Uniform Standards adopted between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 in accordance with the 5-year Commission Review of Rules required by § 119 of the Rule for the Adoption, Amendment and Repeal of Rules for the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission. The procedures adopted by the Management Committee in March 2012 for implementing the 5-year review process limit the scope of review under Section 119 to identifying “the need for continuation, repeal or amendment of the rule based primarily on whether circumstances or underlying assumptions have changed since the last time the rule was adopted, amended or reviewed.” See the [Transmittal Memorandum](#) for a more detailed description of the proposed amendments.
 - a.) The following Uniform Standards are being amended primarily to clarify existing requirements:
 - i. Uniform Standard for Individual Immediate Non-Variable Annuity Contract Standards
 - ii. Uniform Standard for Individual Immediate Variable Annuity Contract Standards
 - iii. Standards for Mortality Table Change
 - iv. Standards for Index-Linked Crediting Feature for Deferred Non-Variable Annuities
 - v. Uniform Standard for Individual Deferred Non-Variable Annuity Contract Standards
 - vi. Uniform Standard for Individual Deferred Variable Annuity Contract Standards
 - vii. Standards for Forms Used to Provide Tax Qualified Plan Provisions for Individual Life Insurance Policies
 - viii. Standards for Forms Used to Exclude Policy Coverage Based on the Underwriting Process
 - ix. Standards for Riders, Endorsements or Amendments Used to Effect Individual Life Insurance Policy Changes
 - x. Index-Linked Payment Adjustment Benefit Standards
 - xi. Standards for Forms Used to Provide Tax Qualified Plan Provisions for Individual Annuity Contracts
 - xii. Additional Standards for Waiver of Surrender Charge Benefits
 - xiii. Standards for Riders, Endorsements or Amendments Used to Effect Individual Annuity Contract Changes

- xiv. Additional Standards for Index-Linked Crediting Benefit Features for Individual Adjustable Life Policies
- xv. Additional Standards for Bonus Benefits (For Individual Deferred Non-Variable Annuity Standards)
- xvi. Individual Annuity Application Standards
- xvii. Standards for Individual Annuity Application Change Form

b.) The following Uniform Standards are being repealed because they have never been used to review filings and have been replaced by more comprehensive Uniform Standards:

- xviii. Individual Flexible Premium Deferred Variable Annuity Contract Standards (with Separate and General Accounts)
- xix. Individual Fixed Premium Deferred Variable Annuity Contract Standards (with Separate and General Accounts)

2. **Legal Authority:** The Commission is authorized to create uniform standards for products by Article IV, Section 2 of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact, as enacted into law by each compacting state.
3. **Text of Proposed New Rules:** The Proposed Standards are available on the Commission's web site (www.insurancecompact.org).
4. **Where, When, and How Persons May Present Their Views:** The Management Committee for the Commission will accept written comment on the Proposed Standards until **November 7, 2014**. Written comments may be delivered via electronic mail to comments@insurancecompact.org, or via mail to the Management Committee c/o Karen Schutter, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 700 Hall of States, Washington DC 20001-1509.
5. **Where, When, and How Persons May Request a Public Hearing:** Written requests for a public hearing on the Proposed Standards must be received no later than **September 28, 2014**. Persons who may request a public hearing are Commission members, the Management Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Consumer Advisory Committee, the Industry Advisory Committee, or a person or organization representing at least 25 persons affected by the Proposed Standards. Written requests may be delivered via electronic mail to comments@insurancecompact.org, or via mail to the Management Committee c/o Karen Schutter, Executive Director, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 700 Hall of States, Washington DC 20001-1509.